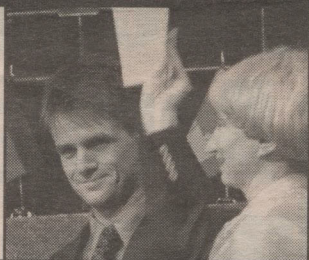


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Time – the “worst enemy”

Ashlee Stallinga
Staff Writer

Area film-makers were thrown into frenzy as they wrote scripts, found actors, taped scenes and edited the results — all in one weekend.

The second annual Prairie Grass 48-Hour Film Challenge took place Sept. 20-22. Each of the sixteen teams had 48 hours to create a five-to eight-minute film. To complicate things further, teams are assigned a prop, a line of dialogue, and a character that they must include in their films.

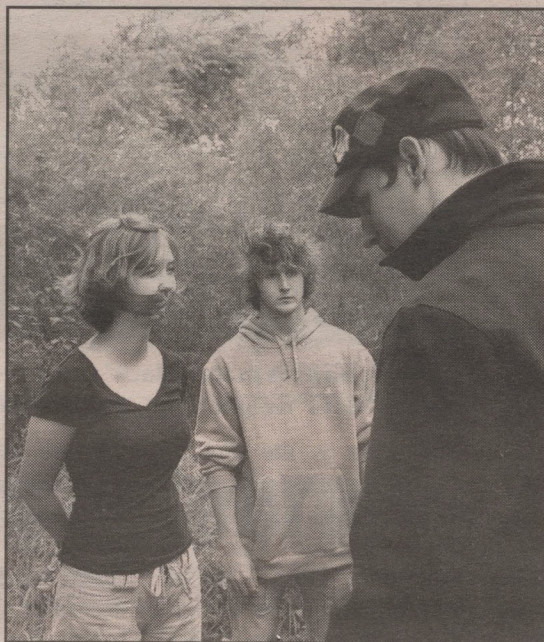
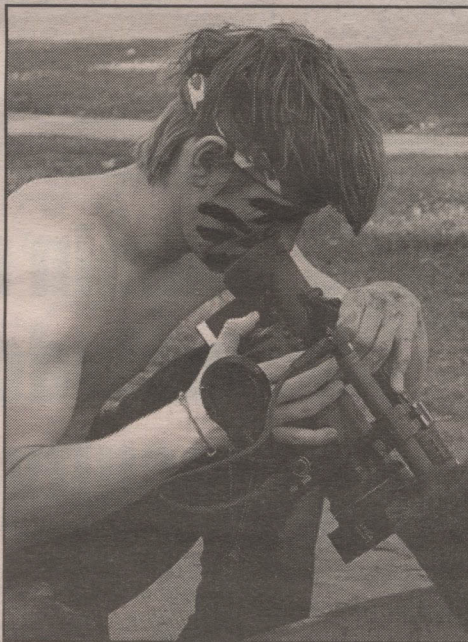
“Time is our worst enemy,” said senior Elliot De Wit, who has competed both years, and whose film took second place last year. “It is a lot of work; you have to find a nice balance between script-writing, shooting and editing.”

But along with all the work, students have a lot of fun. “It was pretty sweet,” said sophomore Mark Eekhoff, who acted in one of the films. “You have to think fast. We made up our lines as we acted it out.”

The screening will be Nov. 9 in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, with judging by media professionals and enthusiasts.

The winning team receives \$500, an AVID software package for their school (valued at \$1700), and the Dordt Award. The second place team receives \$250 and the AVID software package.

A “People’s Choice” award is based on audience and Internet voting — the winning team receives \$150 and the software package. Other awards include best within genre, best musical score and best editing. Winners will be announced at the screening.



Above: Justine Moelker, Isaiah Hoegh and Sean Owens prepare for a scene as director Piper Kucera and cameraman Ben Slager discuss their next shot. Photo by Becky Love

Far Left: Mason Welsh, dressed as a barbarian, films a close-up. Photo by Jennifer Nelson

Left: Justine Moelker, Isaiah Hoegh and Sean Owens prepare for a scene. Photo by Becky Love

Provost to replace VPAA in admin revamp

Cheryl Hiemstra
Editor

Dordt College is changing in structure, and with the changes comes a new position: a provost.

The post will combine two roles, one existing and one newly created — Vice President for Academic Affairs and supervisor of Student Services.

The combined position

will bring together the academic and student-life sides of the college “because each performs a significant service,” said Dr. Charles Veenstra, a Provost Search Committee member.

The provost works primarily with faculty, so students will be affected, but only indirectly.

The provost will be the acting president when the president is not on

campus and will tackle the challenge of bringing the academic departments and Student Services closer together. The Dordt administration is aiming for closer connections between classes and student life, such as the connection between Gen100 and Freshman Orientation.

The Provost Search Committee is accepting nominations from both

inside and outside the college. They are searching for a person with a doctoral degree and at least 10 years of experience in academia who will promote Dordt’s reformational vision.

“Vision, courage and servant leadership” are three criteria the committee is seeking, Veenstra said.

“[The provost] needs to enable other people to do their work,” he said. “Vision is

the most important thing.”

The provost will oversee the hiring, dismissing, promotion and compensation of professors, ensure that Dordt keeps its accreditation and provide leadership for academic planning.

“We are looking for a provost who can nurture a healthy community ... and strengthen institutional

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New Student Services VP appreciates Dordt community, values

Joel Veldkamp
Staff Writer

In one of many changes to come this year, Dordt's Student Services has a new vice president. Bethany Schuttinga is a Dordt alumnus and returned to Dordt this year with her husband and two children, after working at Iowa State University for eight years.

Schuttinga grew up in nearby Rock Valley, Iowa, and attended Dordt for her undergraduate studies. After Dordt, Schuttinga attended a grad school in Minnesota and took a position at Iowa State University in 1999 as residence director in Willow Hall. Later, she became ISU's Director of Judicial Affairs, a position that dealt with student conduct.

Schuttinga sees vast differences between ISU and

Dordt (not the least of which is size). In dealing with ISU's policies, Schuttinga said, she began to think about the spirit behind the policies. At ISU, she said, policy is more like law. At Dordt, in contrast, "policy is about covenant. We live in this community together, and it's all about the agreements we make to live with each other."

Her time at Dordt has been very enjoyable thus far, and she has appreciated the opportunity to get to know the students. "At ISU, I didn't see most students unless they messed up, and then I didn't see them again unless they messed up a second time," she said.

When she left northwest Iowa, Schuttinga fully intended never to return. However, she often came to the area with her family to visit relatives. On several

occasions, when she and her husband drove through Sioux Center, one or the other would ask, "Could we live here again?" At first, the answer was always a firm "No!" but over time, they began warming up to the idea. Schuttinga said that she now views their questions as a sign of the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Dordt's vision has a special place in Schuttinga's heart, and the phrase "every square inch" means a lot to her. She sees her role here as listening to students, "helping to tell the story" of Student Services' mission, and seeking to address the needs of students - academic, personal and spiritual. "At Dordt, spiritual growth is at the forefront. It's the most important thing," she said. "That's what makes this place very exciting."

Rec Center changes weight-room layout

Joel Veldkamp
Staff Writer

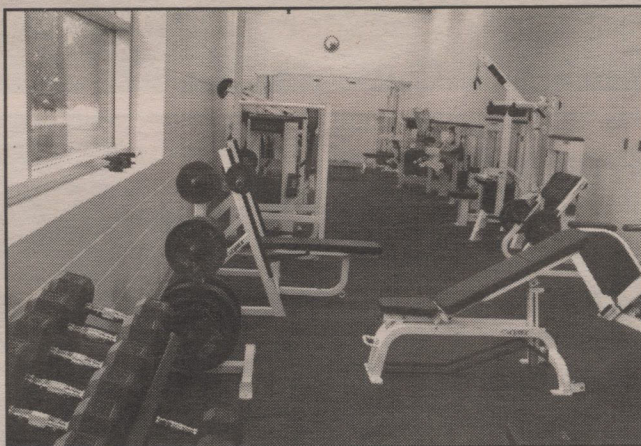
If you use the Rec Center often, you've probably noticed that a few things are different this year. Dordt's new football program has brought both temporary and long-term changes to the Rec Center, according to Glenn Bouma, Rec Center program director.

The football team is temporarily using the visiting-team locker rooms in the Rec Center this year, which have been revamped for that purpose. The improvements, which include added shelving and hooks, "will come in handy anyway," said Bouma.

Next year, a new locker room for football players will be added to the north end of the All Seasons Center, complete with additional laundry machines and equipment storage.

A permanent change to the Rec Center involves office space. To make room for the three new football coaches in the HPER office pod, several old offices in another part of the Rec Center, previously used for storage, have been renovated.

Another permanent change that most students



Students now lift in the "Black" weight room. Athletes use the "Gold" weight room. Photo by Becky Love

will notice is the division of the weight room. The Rec Center's old golf-simulator room has been expanded and turned into an additional weight room, known as the "Black" weight room. This room holds mostly free weights and selectorized weight machines and is open to all Dordt students and Rec Center members.

The weight room with which most Dordt students were familiar is now called the "Gold" weight room and can be reserved by Dordt coaches for their teams. A schedule of when Dordt teams are using the Gold weight room has been posted in the Rec Center.

Bouma sees this change as a plus.

"We have a very nice situation with the weight facilities," he said. "We think it's good for everybody. Dordt students now have access to two great weight rooms, one of which is open to them all the time, and the other most of the time."

Other changes the football team has brought to the Rec Center include what Bouma calls "a tighter laundry schedule" and all-around increased traffic, but Bouma isn't complaining. "We try to focus on the positives, not the negatives," he said.

The football team is "a very disciplined group," he added. "The coaches have been great, and they're doing a good job of giving the team direction."

2007 Dordt Statistics

Enrollment Geographics Top states:

- o Iowa - 484
- o Minnesota - 109
- o California - 93
- o Wisconsin - 57

States with only one student:

- o Alabama
- o Louisiana
- o North Dakota
- o Tennessee
- o Virginia

Total International Students: 27

Total Canadian Students: 124

Academic Stats

Top Five Most Popular Majors:

- o Business Administration - 210
- o Elementary Education - 150
- o Engineering - 106
- o Health, PE, and Rec. - 82
- o Agriculture - 69

Top Five Most Popular Minors

- o Psychology - 24
- o Spanish - 17
- o Kuypers Scholars Program - 16
- o Sociology - 16
- o Reading (Education) - 11

-Jamin Hubner

Admin revamp includes provost, faculty senate

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unity and solidarity," reads the provost job description.

Each applicant will submit a resume, a faith statement and vita (a formal list of academic accomplishments).

The search committee is reviewing these applications; fewer than ten applicants are now under consideration.

The committee plans to narrow the list to two names by December of this year, and President Zylstra and other staff will extend a job offer by early 2008.

The provost is only one of many changes in Dordt's ongoing administration restructuring, Veenstra said, including the new faculty senate.

This new structure departs from a traditional hierarchal structure and adopts the principles of servant-leadership and participative decision-making.

The Provost Search Committee includes Jim Bos, John Vos, Tim Moreman (a city manager from southern Iowa), Harah Sun, Sue Droog and Charles Veenstra.

Reclaiming our patriotism

**Jamin Hubner and
Robert Minto**
Staff Writers

Micah Schuurman's Sept. 13 editorial entitled "God Bless America?" attempted to make a case against what he terms "civil religion" and, eventually, against patriotism, culminating in the final statement: "But we must remember that it is impossible for Christians to serve two masters; we cannot serve both Christ and the government. We must love one and reject the other." We will examine the idea of patriotism and see if it really comes to this.

Schuurman revealed the central premise of his argument by saying, "When we buy into civil religion we make an idol; we make our God into a god that loves America." The idea that God *specially* loves our country is

clearly irrational. But to move from there to the solution of *rejecting government* is simply illogical. Schuurman unfairly turns a distinction between civic duty and total allegiance into a dilemma between rejecting government and disobeying God.

So, what does it mean to "reject" government? Does it mean that Christians should be apolitical in their quest to sacrifice all for Christ? Does Jesus' command (which Schuurman cited) to hate your mother and father, your wife and children, for his sake, mean that we should stop providing for our families in order to take up a life of uninterrupted theological contemplation? To hate for His sake could never mean to forsake compassion and duty. The very next verse concludes the description of complete

allegiance to Christ by enjoining us to imitate his great act of compassion and duty: Luke 15:27 says, "And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." A Christian should only hate what keeps him from his Savior—and all the rest may be loved and redeemed according to the principle in I Thessalonians 5:21, "Test all things; hold fast what is good."

Schuurman asserted, "Christ allows for a limited amount of civic duty (Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's). But this is lip service at most." But in the larger context of scripture, where we find Paul saying that "everyone is in subjection to the authorities" and that all authorities have been established by God Himself (Romans 13), we shouldn't ask, "What does Christ

allow for civic duty?" We should ask, "What doesn't Christ allow for civic duty?" Schuurman's article didn't answer that question very

"A Christian should only hate what keeps him from his Savior -- and all the rest may be loved and redeemed..."

clearly, but he did say, "When we buy into civil religion, we make an idol; we make our God into a god that loves America." America does have some serious problems, but if we don't want to give the love of God credit for whatever prosperity we *do* have, then

who do we rightfully thank for those blessings?

What idea of patriotism should we hold, against C. S. Lewis's (which Schuurman cited) that it is nothing but affection for a place, or against Schuurman's own idea that it is just gratitude for freedoms? Notice the final stanza of "The Star Spangled Banner": "Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just... 'In God is our trust.'"

That is true and desirable patriotism, not dull, animal love of home-turf and familiar faces, or even gratefulness for favors received, but a righteous ambition for this way-stop we call a nation to conform to the civic virtues we hold dear because our true monarch prescribes them. This we cannot reject.

Football students are part of our community

Grace Venhuizen
Staff Writer

Dordt's new semester has seen many changes on campus. The most famous, of course, being the start of the football program. Only less well known are two other adjustments -- commons supper hours being pushed back to accommodate players for meals after practices, and the housing of players in Southview apartments before the rest of the student body arrived.

These two minute changes seem to have been two reasons for an upset student body. Complaining

about these changes and other similar adjustments is ridiculously splitting the hairs of the issue. Accommodating students on Dordt's campus never seemed to be an issue before.

Most students opposed to the program fail to realize that more than 3500 people attended the first football game. Other student activities don't bring in 3500 people. That doesn't mean Dordt should think less of these activities. It just means students and faculty need to realize that football is a new win-

dow God has put in Dordt's house to reach out and show the community how a Christian plays, coaches or cheers for their team.

Football players are also students. They are a part of

"These players deserve to be treated with respect, not discussed in hushed tones because their program has caused minor inconveniences"

the community as much as a student who plays soccer, a student who stars in a theatre production or holds an art show in the campus

art gallery. These players deserve to be treated with respect, not discussed in hushed tones because their program has caused minor inconveniences for the sophomores that are accustomed to eating supper at 5p.m. and not 5:30.

For new student football players -- freshman and transfers -- the start at college seems to be marked by a less than welcoming community of judgmental fellow students, at least so the many complaints would

lead students to believe.

How must the new student/athletes be feeling as they walk across campus? They know there's a good chance fellow students don't want them on campus, just because they can throw a football. Students and faculty are entitled to their opinions about the program and the changes that come with it. The commandments of love and respect should mean something before those opinions are spouted. No student should feel unwanted for playing a game.

A few quick thoughts on Christian patriotism

Micah Schuurman
Staff Writer

Some Christians have no problem with putting the flag in churches. They point to the good qualities of our country as reason to remember and commemorate as we worship. This attitude should be discouraged.

True, when I look at the flag, I see liberty, democracy and freedom. However, I also see injustice, oppression, imperialism (economic, social and military), unjust wars, tyranny, greed and genocide. Have we already forgotten that this land belonged to Native Americans? Truly diabolical things have been done in the name of the stars and stripes. Oppression has taken place in the name of liberty and freedom.

When you consider the

flag, encourage the good and condemn the bad. But never, ever bind yourself to the flag itself or to the country for which it stands. Such honor belongs only to Christ. He demands our full allegiance. The next time you try to bring a flag into a sanctuary, remember all of the crud that you drag in with it.

There are a number of similarities between my position and the position of Robert Minto and Jamin Hubner. We all agree that there is something wrong with the governance structures in the world.

They conclude that this warrants more active Christian involvement. I agree that it is important for Christians to be involved in making our government more just.

However, after taking a candid look at the evil per-

petrated by our nation (and all other nations as well), I have no choice but to conclude that government is something that Christians should influence while avoiding being influenced by it. Be obedient to government but don't serve it.

Perhaps I present a false dilemma in calling Christians to avoid giving allegiance to their countries. Perhaps I am too extreme.

Perhaps my perspective isn't as "reformed" as the perspective proposed by Minto and Hubner. I'll admit that my perspective is radical.

But it is no more radical than the perspective that Jesus taught when he said, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26).


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Intramurals Build Community

Nate Gibson
Staff Writer

During a long week of class, labs and homework, a number of activities allow for a relaxing study break and the most popular activities are intramurals.

This year, there are 330 students playing on 46 teams in five different fall intramural sports. Students can choose from co-ed sand volleyball, co-ed softball, men's softball, seven-on-seven passing football and co-ed soccer.

Taking the reigns as Intramural Director for the first time this year is Coach Jeff Zomer. "With campus-wide participation, intramurals are a community builder. It is a chance for freshmen and sophomores to meet more people, for students to benefit from exercise while getting their heads out of their books, and for non-college athletes to participate in physical activity," commented Zomer.

Suzi Buiter, a senior, echoed Zomer's sentiments.

"I like being able to get together with my friends, be crazy, and compete against other people on campus."

True to the goal of community building, intramurals make use of the athletic

facilities that the broader community of Sioux Center has to offer, at the same time remaining convenient for the students. While soccer and football games are played on campus, sand

volleyball is played behind the All Seasons Center and softball games take place less than two miles away at Tower Fields.

Intramurals are available to any full-time student.



Intramural softball player and junior Matt Chelsa takes a swing. Photo by Nate Gibson

The process starts with sign-ups, which may be done either in hard copy or online. Students must put together a team and a creative name. Team names range from puns and wordplay to the occasional mild innuendo.

Sometimes, teams even invest a little of their own money to purchase some kind of uniform. It is not uncommon to see teams gather in dorm lobbies or parking lots wearing matching hot pink t-shirts or yellow shirts with black sweats before a game.

Each team will play between four and seven games in an attempt to qualify for the playoffs.

The championship winning team in each activity receives intramural champion t-shirts for every team member and, of course, bragging rights.

While the fall season is already underway, there are three intramural seasons left in the school year, each offering its own unique selection of activities.

New clubs on campus

Jurgen Boerema
Staff Writer

There are at least three new clubs at Dordt this year, ranging in mission from anti-abortion beliefs and open political discussion to personal fitness and physical accomplishment. These clubs, in addition to the 35 already active clubs, show strong potential for member activity.

- Non-Partisan Politics is a new club started by Dustin Gritters. The club promotes a common interest in the upcoming caucuses by providing healthy discussions of political issues without endorsing a specific party or set of ideas. The club will meet in S101 on Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. The Democratic debates will be aired,

and a discussion will follow. Representatives for several candidates will attend and answer questions. The club plans to invite prominent politicians to campus and will meet every month to discuss political issues.

- Dordt Defenders for Life is a pro-life group, revived from last semester. The club president, Diane Feucht, is working closely with Casaday Nguyen, a junior at Morningside College. Nguyen is a field representative and assistant from the Iowa Leadership Institute, an organization that helps spread conservative values on college campuses. A meeting was held this week to plan for Pro-Life Month.

- The Creation Care Club was created by Teresa Maas, Laura MacMillan and

Brandon Vander Wel to raise awareness of conservation needs. Members sign a pledge of commitment to conservation. The group breaks from the traditional model of regular meetings and events. An "energy conservation contest" between buildings is being planned for next month, in order to compare and decrease energy use among the various residences. Tips and conservation facts are also e-mailed to club members.

- The Triathlon Club is for people interested in the "Siouxperman" fitness competition on May 14, 2008. David Christensen is the president of a three-person executive body. Members will be trained through biking, running and swimming sessions.

Think Campus is boring? Then get out of here!

Jacob Kroeze
Staff Writer

"Sioux Center, Iowa is boring." You may have heard your five closest friends, who happen to travel 300 miles to go to school in this lackluster city of 6,000, complain about the lack of entertainment in our beloved Sioux Center.

This four-state region, however, offers its inhabitants, temporary or permanent, more than the obvious movie-watching experience.

The Iowa Dutch Oven Gathering: Squaw Creek Park, Marion, Iowa. The Iowa Dutch Oven Cooking Society puts on this free event to offer the best and worst of Dutch oven cooking. The potluck table is set on Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. Free.

The Green and Gold vs. Headhunters: Cheyenne Park, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The hooligans' sport played by kings on Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. Free.

Shooter Jennings: the Surf Ballroom, Clearlake, Iowa. Go camping at McIntosh Woods State Park, canoe the lake and enjoy

a concert in the ballroom.

"Blowing the Lid off Toilets" exhibit: Old Courthouse Museum, 6th & Main, Downtown Sioux Falls. From whence has the John come?

SogenCon 2007: Arena/Convention Center, Sioux Falls. Anime; a Japanese culture and animation event. Oct. 5-7. \$45 for a three-day pass.

The White Stripes: Pershing Center, Lincoln, Neb. Blues, punk, simplicity.

Chili Feed: near Thomas Jefferson High School, 2540 6th Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA. Feed yourself homemade chili for just \$5. Then see the city.

Half-Pound Burgers: American Legion, 1906 Oxford St., Worthington, MN. Eat a legionnaire's size meal on Oct. 9.

If you need relaxation and contemplation after meditation, go to the Palisades, S. Dakota; the Missouri River at Yankton, S. Dakota; beautiful Platte, S. Dakota; or Oak Grove, Iowa. Visit a park, think, relax. Enjoy the area.

For more information, visit www.iowa.com or www.siouxfallsevents.com.

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Dordt prof takes first place at international organ competition

Nate Nykamp
Staff Writer

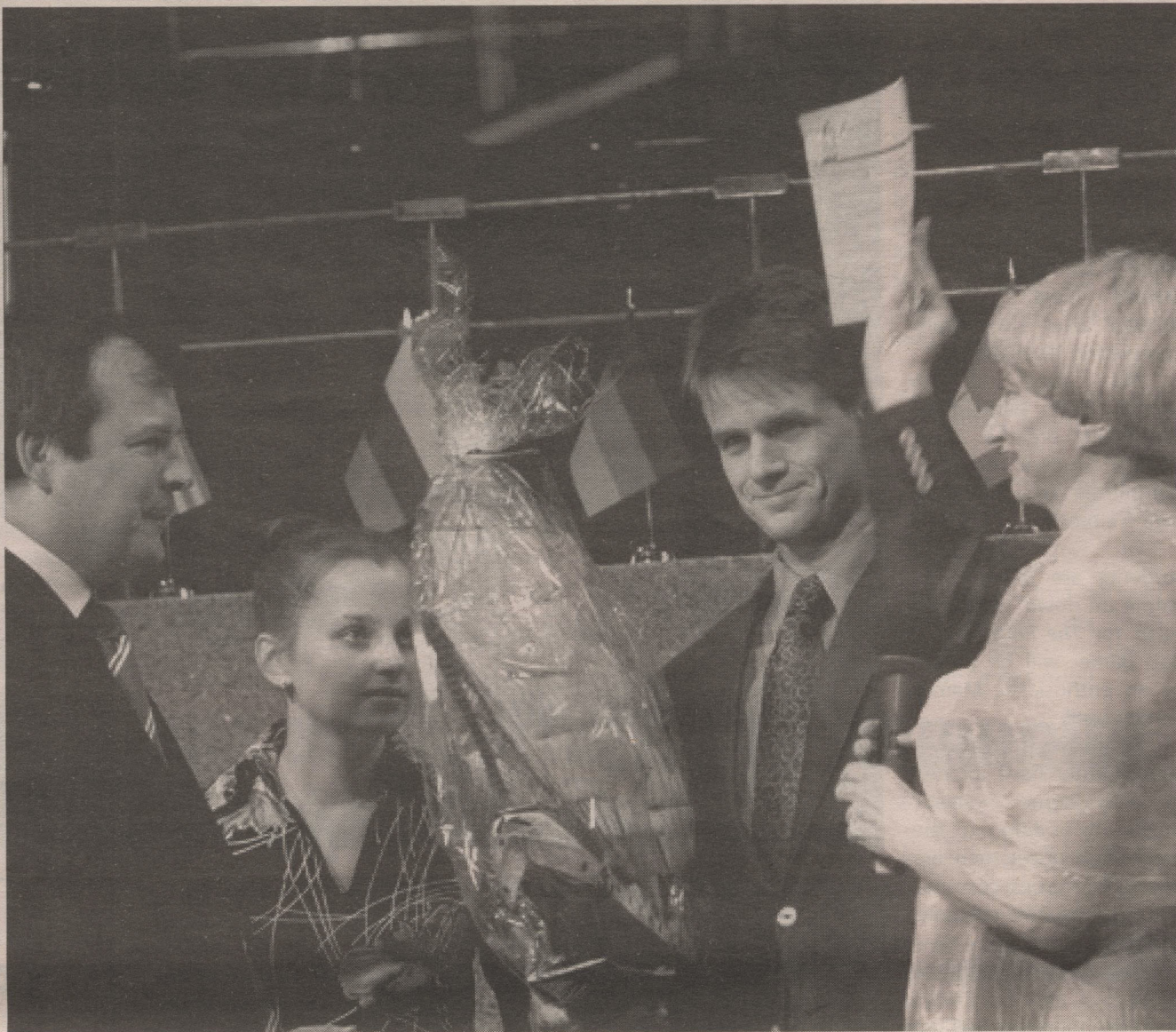
Dr. Robert Horton, professor of keyboard studies, recently returned from the Mikhail Tariverdiev International Organ Competition with first place, in addition to several smaller awards.

The competition, which was held in Kaliningrad, Russia, was the final stage after three rounds of elimination.

The quarter and semifinals were held in the United States, and Dr. Horton and a Canadian organist were the only participants sent to Russia.

In addition to winning \$5000 and a handcrafted amber statue, Dr. Horton took home the Moscow State Government's award, 25,000 rubles, and the Kaliningrad Audience prize - a large model ship.

He also received the Omsk Philharmonic Society's Special Award, the Special Award of St. Jacobi Kirche, and the Special Prize of Foundation Art of the Good, all of which are invitations to do solo concerts at various locations in Russia in the upcoming year.



Dr. Horton accepts his prize at the Mikhail Tariverdiev Organ Competition. Photo courtesy of Dr. Horton

Dordt student fights for cancer awareness

Grace Venhuizen
Staff Writer

"Cancer never sleeps, so we're not going to sleep."

Junior Amber Jelsma is looking forward to coordinating her first Relay for Life. From 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on Oct. 12 in the Rec Center, more than 15 teams of 15 members each will walk to raise awareness for cancer research.

Each team raises money by asking for donations, and all the proceeds are given to the American Cancer Society for cancer research.

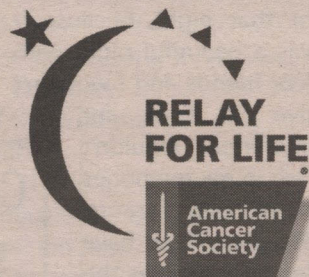
Jelsma took on the role of coordinator last spring when she decided to plan the event. "God was truly leading me," she said about her decision.

Jelsma has a close connection to the effects of cancer. Last year, her doctors believed she had a brain tumor. Further tests showed that the tumor was on her lymph node and completely benign. This close call made her aware of cancer's devastat-

tating effects.

Her other connection with cancer victims is her close friendship with Cella Bosma, a Dordt education professor fighting breast cancer. This friendship has made the reality of cancer an even more pressing matter for Jelsma.

When she began to plan the Relay, Jelsma said that all



of her plans seemed to fall into place. President Zylstra agreed to donate the money to rent the Rec Center for the night. Local businesses arranged to give away door prizes to participant walkers and anyone who comes to support the cause.

The Relay for Life event will feature Bosma as a guest speaker, door prizes, a

variety of Dordt bands and a special luminary ceremony. A luminary is a "bag" that can be decorated in memory of a special person.

Memorial luminaries will cost \$10 at the event. The luminary ceremony consists of placing glow sticks in the bags to symbolize the life and light in each person that struggles with cancer. "We usually use candles," Jelsma laughed, "but that probably won't work in the Rec Center!"

The ideal fundraising goal for the event is \$5,000, said Jelsma. But just making people aware of the cause is reaching another goal, she added. In order to accomplish these goals, "you need to use all the resources around you," said Jelsma. One team member followed this advice, wrote letters to family members, and received two checks for \$500 each.

For more information concerning Relay for Life, contact Amber Jelsma by phone or email.

Student Forum Update

Emily Wierenga
SF Press Secretary

In an effort to become better representatives of the student body, Student Forum will be conducting an all-campus survey in the next week to poll students directly for their concerns.

If students have concerns about the college, they can contact a Student Forum representative, leave a suggestion in the box in the Grille, or stop by meetings which are held 9:30 p.m. Tuesday nights in the Campus Center Board Room.



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Student Activities entertains with movie night and The Price is Trite

Kristina De Graaf
Staff writer

The stalking has subsided, the water weapons have been reholstered, and there is nothing left to do but nurse those grudges until next year.

Gotcha Wet is over. Melanie De Young is now Dordt's most fearsome shooter after successfully completing 19 missions.

But even though Gotcha Wet participants can finally breathe again, Dordt's Student Activities Committee (SAC) is far from taking a break.

On Oct. 13, Dordt students are invited to "come on down" to the B.J. Haan for *The Price is Trite*. Bob Barker will be played by an enthusiastic Marcus Vander Leek.

Businesses from all over Sioux Center have pitched in with some fantastic prizes. In addition to the game show prizes, there are awards for the best costume, the most creative costume, and more.

"It's a great night to come out and be crazy," said Bekah Tazelaar, SAC co-president.

"No one will judge you for being ridiculous – you might even win a prize for [your craziness]!"

On Oct. 27, SAC will host a pumpkin carving night. A judging committee will award several prizes for carving design.



Above: Kristin Santana serves children, students, and adults at the *Cars* movie night. **Left:** Dawn Wierenga keeps a kiddie pool swimming with soft drinks for the *Cars* crowd. Other SAC members helped clean up Campus Center after the movie.

Photos by Naomi DeBoer



Upcoming SAC Events

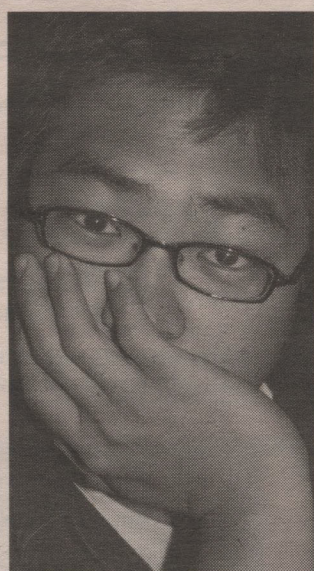
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Ask Alvin: Concert Tickets, Anyone?

Question:

"How do I justify spending \$50 plus travel expenses, for a concert?"

It's a matter of your priorities and what you think you want to do with that much money. \$50 is a lot of money. Think for a moment of what you could do otherwise with 50-plus. Aside from adding it to your savings for a multitude of goals (i.e. tuition, Christmas presents, a new laptop, necessary art materials, sponsoring a child in Mozambique, buying a round of smoothies for all the drama students one night at the Bean, buying a round of tea for all the Asian students one night at the Bean... ahem), you could probably just say that \$50 is too much to spend when you could spend the



weekend viewing a handful of DVDs from the library, listening to your own music or playing your own music... for free!

You are a college student... or a college professor. You don't have \$50 to spend unscrupulously. Order water when you go out to eat! Don't go out to eat! Check first that the water is free! Day-old bread is just

as good as the high-and-mighty fresh bread, except it will taste stringy after twelve hours. Why do you need to pay good money so you can drive somewhere and listen to music? You can just open the window on Sunday nights and every once in a while, those nice Sioux Center Public kids will roll by your house with their hippity hop playing! That's free and it comes in the comfort of your own home!

That's \$50. And it's only to listen to a band that you've loved and appreciated for however long, and you get to see them play live. I haven't seen Evanescence or Creed live, and I'm totally fine with that, but most bands put on a good show. Live performances exude amazing energy, display adjusted songs for maximum adrenaline and provide intimate access to the band members.

I went to see Damien

Rice in Minneapolis this past summer. Blew me away. I laughed, I cried, I got chills, I was shaken to my bones. It was a great show and, without a doubt, I would've regretted missing it. I don't, on the other hand, regret how much money I spent for that night, because it was a beautiful night with dear friends and I wouldn't give it back for anything. I wouldn't cash in my memories for \$50, that's for sure. Why should we have denied ourselves the enjoyment of each other's company, the vitality of live music and the completion of a journey?

Paul McCartney tickets went for \$250 last year. My buddy went to Rilo Kiley last week for \$19. I would've loved to go to both but, aside from price, you'd be

more likely to see me at Rilo Kiley than at McCartney. Would I pay \$250 to see him? If I had more than \$90 in my checking account and if I were without plans to spend \$50 or more of that this weekend, then maybe. Just maybe.

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Prestigious 20th Century Masters Exhibit displays at art gallery

Sarah Groneck
Staff writer

After much preparation and negotiation, Dordt is finally welcoming the 20th Century Masters onto its campus and into its art gallery.

Distinguished selections from the Helen Levitt Collection of Morningside College are on display at the Dordt College Art Gallery from Sept. 20 through Oct. 28. The collection includes 20 pieces, ranging from vibrant intaglios to rich charcoal drawings, all created between 1950 and 1980.

Visitors to the gallery should note that the works are from the 20th century's most influential and significant artists, such as Robert Rauschenberg, Robert Motherwell, Jean Dubuffet and Louise Nevelson.

Jasper Johns, whose print "Target" is on display in the gallery, is the only living artist in history to be paid over one million dollars for his highly controversial work. There is also a print by Roy Lichtenstein, a well-

known artist from the 1960s Pop Art Movement, and a work by Spanish artist Joan Miro, a contemporary of Pablo Picasso.

Art professor Jake Van Wyk and Morningside's John Bowitz have spent the last two years arranging the art showing to place them at their respective colleges. "It has mainly been a matter of finding an open slot in the show's schedule," said Van Wyk.

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Morningside's and Dordt's art departments have been working together for many years, especially through Dordt's



The special exhibit features images by some of the most influential artists in the 20th century, including Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg and Joan Miro.

Photo by Mary Van Essen

recent acquisition of 20 lithographic limestone from Morningside. Also, Dordt art enthusiasts should look forward to Morningside and Dordt exchange shows that will be hung in December on Dordt's campus and in February on Morningside's campus. "John Bowitz and I have been friends for many years, which makes it easier

for the colleges to work together," said Van Wyk.

The gallery will be hosting a public reception for the 20th Century Masters Exhibit on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 4 until 6 p.m. A number of Morningside College members will attend.

The 20th Century Masters Exhibit will be open from Monday through Friday

during 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with evening hours from 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery will also be open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

For special tours or further questions about the exhibit, contact Professor Van Wyk at jvanwyk@dordt.

Tri-state break



Cartoon by Nate Gibson

Faculty Poetry Reading celebrates 20 years

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This year marks the twentieth year of the Faculty Poetry Reading at Dordt College. The reading is the brainchild of emeritus English professor Mike Vanden Bosch. The poetry reading provides poetic professors a venue to share some of their work with students, faculty and Sioux Center residents.

"The reading shows the campus that professors don't simply teach, but also take the time to create their own work," English professor Dave Schelhaas said.

The Sunday evening event in S-101 was well-attended by poetry enthusiasts. Coffee, cookies and good conversation were available



Mary Dengler reads a poem inspired just hours before the reading.
Photo by Kelly Cooke

for those who arrived early. Poetry topics ranged from the influence of '50s hairdos to singing birds at midnight. First-time reader Theology professor Jason Leif read a heart-wrenching poem about losing a young child. Another new reader, English professor Leah Zuidema, shared a poem that grappled with the experience of teaching her daughters about mortality.

Professors didn't limit themselves to sharing poetry. Theatre professor Jeri Schelhaas read a humorous story about how "Lydia Rosemont spent the morning of Trinity Sunday in a ditch." Luke DeKoster, journalism professor and local news columnist, read excerpts from his Hull column "Not

Yet Home." The audience also had a number of laughs from Professor Bob De Smith's prose on hometown quirks. A group of students and professors wrapped up the evening with an imaginative eight-person play by Vanden Bosch called "Bill Shakespeare Takes Sonnet 116 to a Workshop."

The readers paid special tribute to Vanden Bosch, absent emeritus professor Lorna Van Gilst, and retiring professors Jeri and Dave Schelhaas.

"I most enjoy participating in the reading because of the audience," Dave Schelhaas said. "The public makes it a delight to read the poetry because of their appreciation for the thoughts we have to share."

Dordt sweeps own tournament: Defender women redeem earlier season loss to USF

Amanda Henke
Staff Writer

The Dordt Defender volleyball team sparked a four-match winning streak at home this weekend, beating Grandview, Briar Cliff, William Penn, and University of Sioux Falls. Dordt had a balanced attack at the net from freshmen Autumn Vande Kamp and Kendra Potgeter, sophomore Larissa Veldhuizen and junior Kristin De Ronde.

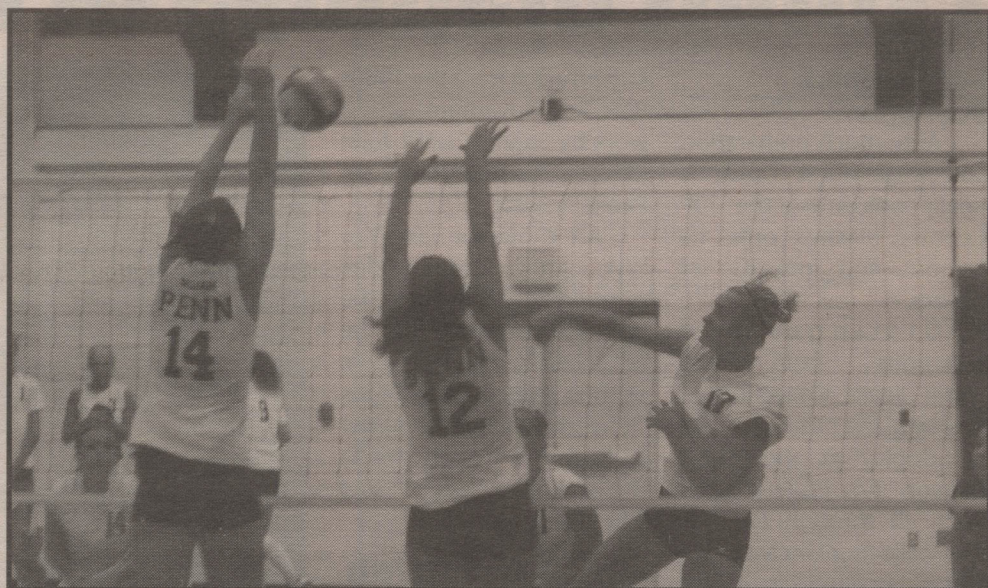
Breezing through their first match of the tournament, Dordt took Grandview in three games. Vande Kamp put down a team-high seventeen kills, followed by De Ronde's twelve. Betsy Van't Hul went 12-12 on serves

with two aces.

After previously losing 0-3 to Briar Cliff, Dordt redeemed themselves at home with a 3-1 victory over the Chargers. The offensive attack was led by double-digit totals in kills by four players, Brittany Haan's two ace serves and Dorrinda Hibma's forty-four digs.

William Penn went down in four games in Dordt's third win of the tournament. Emily Van Voorst was perfect from the service line and racked up four aces to go along with forty-six assists. Liz Van Voorst was also successful serving with three aces of her own.

Dordt finished the tournament strong with a redeeming 3-0 win over USF



A. Vande Kamp hits the ball past two William Penn blockers. Photo by Maggie Ehlert

after losing 0-3 at home to the Cougars earlier this season. Potgeter and De Ronde led the Defenders with

twelve kills apiece.

Dordt looks to keep up their newly-gained momentum as they travel to Lincoln,

Nebraska on Friday, Sept. 28 to take on conference opponent Nebraska Wesleyan.

Football: Defenders defeated by Red Raiders

Jesse Veenstra
Staff Writer

The Dordt/Northwestern rivalry took to the football field for the first time in the history of the schools. The much-anticipated showdown did not disappoint expectations, as both teams came out with high levels of intensity.

Both the Defenders and the Red Raiders used big plays in the first half to put points on the board. Dordt opened the scoring with a 36-yard field goal to take the first lead in the game at 3-0. The score remained 3-0 until early a 68-yard rushing touchdown by Northwestern's Jordan Langer made the score 7-3, as he ran untouched around the outside.

Dordt countered the Raider score with 2:33 left in the first half. Fred Leyendekker jumped a passing route and intercepted a Northwestern pass and took it 69 yards to the end zone to put Dordt up 9-7. A Northwestern touchdown

right before the half made it 13-9.

Dordt stayed close in the third quarter, but Northwestern scored three touchdowns in the last 18 minutes to pull away to a 32-12 win.

Leyendekker dominated defensive for the Defenders with two interceptions and six solo tackles. Ben Robbins led the Defender ground attack with 43 yards on 25 carries. Quarterback Adam Shirley had 11 completions on 29 attempts for 83, and Ryan Campbell grabbed 5 catches for 38 yards.

Dordt gained 12 first downs, 50 yards on the ground, and 88 through the air for a total of 138 yards. Northwestern notched 32 first downs, gained 235 yards on the ground and 130 yards passing for a total of 365 yards.

Dordt has a 0-4 record and will host Briar Cliff on October 1, in a rematch of the September 17 game that Dordt lost 23-21 when Briar Cliff scored a field goal in the final moments of the game.

Dordt Sport Report: Mallory McConnell

Alanna Dake
Staff Writer

Year:

Senior

Hometown:

Brookfield, Wisc.

Major:

Elementary and Art Education

What has been one of your greatest memories in your four years of running for the Defenders?

The program has grown so much since my freshman year. Freshman year we usually had only six or seven runners for each meet, and now we have thirteen. I also love our annual "big trip." It's a great opportunity to get to know each other really well.

Do you have a pre-race song or playlist?

I usually like to listen to something upbeat like Green Day before a race.

Pre-race meal?



Mallory McConnell

"One of my best races was the morning after I ate my first steak after three years of being a vegetarian!"

Usually pasta the night before, although one of my best races was the morning after I ate my first steak after three years of being a vegetarian! The morning of the race we always have bagels and peanut butter, fruit and orange juice.

What are some personal goals you have for the remainder of the season?

I would just like to keep improving the rest of the season, myself personally as well as the team. We have a lot of potential this year and I think we've had

a great start to the season so far. In past years, there's been a large gap between our front runners and the rest of the team, but this year we've been closer to closing that gap than ever.

What are your plans post-graduation?

I'm getting married three weeks after graduation, but other than that I'm not completely sure yet! I will still have to complete my semester of student teaching, so I imagine that will be somewhere close to home. And of course I'll be running lots of road races.

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